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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPING OF ELIDA MERSICH
REF: A) 1982 BUENOS AIRES 5873, B) BUENOS AIRES 5813

1. ELIDA MERSICH WAS RELEASED IN PORTEÑA BARRIO AIRES AT
APPROXIMATELY 0030 HOURS, MAY 22, 1982. SHE PROCEEDED TO
HER APARTMENT, LOCATED [illegible] STREET, 5TH FLOOR, APARTMENT D.
SHE EXPRESSED HER APPRECIATION TO EMBASSY STAFF WHO WENT TO HER PARENTS'
RESIDENCE, FOR NOTIFICATION.

2. ON MAY 19 MERSICH'S HUSBAND, [illegible], WAS OPEN SHE WAS
[illegible]. SHE WAS ACCOMPANIED, CARRIED TO AN
UNKNOWN DESTINATION AND HELD IN A SMALL ROOM FOR TWO DAYS.
SHE WAS NOT ILL-TREATED BUT EXPERIENCED HER ABDUCTION
AS A TRAUMATIC EVENT. SHE AND THE CANDY FAMILY,
WHO ARRANGED HER RELEASE, ARE BOTH PROMINENTLY AND PERSONALLY SAFE
AND DISTRESSED. ACTING ON A TIPOFF SHE WAS RELEASED AS
ABRUPTLY. SHE CANNOT FURNISH ANY POSITIVE INFORMATION
AS TO THE IDENTITY OF HER ABDUCTORS.

3. EMBASSY BELIEVES MERSICH CASE NOT TO SPECULATE
ABOUT WHO WE BELIEVE OF THIS EVENT. TO DO SO MIGHT
ENDANGER ELIDA MERSICH.
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